

**MINUTES**

**Historic Preservation Commission  
7447 E. Indian School Road  
1st Floor Community Development Conference Room  
June 10, 2004  
5:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Ed Wimmer, Chair  
B.J. Gonzales, Vice Chair  
Nancy Dallett  
Kathy Howard

Absent: George Hartz  
Cathy Johnson  
Paul Winslow

Staff: Don Meserve  
Debbie Abele, HPO

Visitors: Margaret Bruning, Scottsdale Cultural Council

**ROLL CALL**

A formal roll call confirmed members present as stated above.

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**April 8, 2004**

Commissioner Howard requested corrections to the April 8, 2004 meeting minutes. On page 2, -second paragraph from the bottom, sentence that reads: Commissioner Dallett inquired how the scale would fit in with the horizontal low line of the existing. Add the word "building" after existing. On page 5, eighth paragraph "Marshal Way" should be spelled "Marshall Way".

Mr. Meserve stated Commissioner Johnson requested a correction on page 2, third paragraph, the word "sculptures" should be changed to "sculptors".

Commissioner Dallett made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2004 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Howard and passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

**April 29, 2004**

Mr. Meserve explained the April 29, 2004 minutes are notes from the tour of Pinnacle Peak Patio and Reata Pass Steakhouse.

Commissioner Howard made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2004 tour notes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gonzales and passed unanimously, 4 to 0.

**May 5, 2004**

Commissioner Gonzales made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2004 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Howard and passed unanimously, 4 to 0.

**May 13, 2004**

Chair Wimmer stated on the last page, last paragraph reads: Ms. Abele stated the Commission had planned on a special meeting Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> to review the Hotel Valley Ho. He requested, , to be consistent, the May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes should be amended to indicate that was a special meeting.

Commissioner Gonzales made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2004 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Howard and passed unanimously, 4 to 0.

**May 27, 2004**

Mr. Meserve explained that “Burt Armstrong” is probably “Rick Armstrong”, stating that he would double check the name and make the necessary correction.

Commissioner Dallett remarked on Page 2, fifth paragraph, that reads: “Commissioner Johnson expressed some confusion as to a photograph of the project received several weeks earlier, and disclosed E-mails with Mr. Wimmer in an effort to clarify the issue”. She inquired if that statement reflects the conversation? Chair Wimmer explained the purpose of Commissioner Johnson’s comment was to note for the record that there were emails between her and himself when she raised a question regarding the height of the building and he had replied to her email. Ms. Abele remarked they might want to clarify that there was exparte communication for the record and a point of view was expressed.

Commissioner Dallett stated that she had a question regarding the final approval of the bronze artwork element. She inquired it was her recollection that the discussion was to bring that back to the Commission not for approval but for information only purposes. Ms. Abele stated the applicant indicated willingness to share the final design with the Commission. Chair Wimmer noted that the artwork was not a historic element. Chair Wimmer requested in the amended motion the word “to” be changed to “that”.

Commissioner Dallett made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2004 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Howard and passed unanimously, 4 to 0.

**PUBLIC ART PLANS AROUND BROWN AVENUE PARKING GARAGE**

Margaret Bruning, Director Scottsdale Public Art Program, gave a powerpoint presentation on the ideas for the Old Town District public art. The primary location for the art is the southwest corner of Brown and First Street. Elements will also occur on Second Street, to conceptually link with that of the Brown and First Street. She provided background information on the Artist. She reported the art would reflect aspects of Old Town and its history. She further reported that there would be an area that honors the Noriega family. She discussed the materials that would be used.

Commissioner Gonzales inquired if the artwork would be part of the parking structure. Ms. Bruning replied that it would not. She explained that the members of the panel as well as staff thought that because this is a pedestrian area it would not be appropriate to decorate the parking structure with art.

Commissioner Gonzales inquired what is the Commission’s purview with regard to this project. Ms. Abele replied none. This is only a presentation. Commissioner Gonzales commented that corner is integral to tourism.

Chair Wimmer thanked Ms. Bruning for the presentation. He explained that the Commission had historic properties in that area that they would like to work with the Cultural Council on. Ms. Bruning replied that would be great.

Commissioner Dallett inquired if representatives from the O.L.P.H. Mission Church have been involved in this process. Ms. Bruning replied in the affirmative.

## **REATA PASS AREA PROPERTIES**

Ms. Abele stated that the Commission needs to consider whether additional research is warranted on one or more of the properties that they toured on April 29, 2004 in the Reata Pass area. She further stated that the Commission will need to develop a list of characteristics/elements and a name for this category. The Commission discussed the following list of characteristics/elements as typically present for the use and significant:

- Buildings house a combination of activities such as retail, food services.
- Ramada design structures and seating
- Stage performance area
- Animal enclosures
- Walkway system
- Outside location
- Artifacts
- Dance floors
- Fire places, fire pits
- Whimsical features
- Wishing wells
- Distinctive signage

Ms. Abele stated that they might want to look at documentation on Legend City and Old Tucson because they might see some other characteristic features. Commissioner Dallett stated that she had a student who did a thesis on Legend City that might be helpful.

Commissioner Gonzales reported that at one time these were the top destinations for visitors.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Historic Register Committee**

Ms. Abele presented a public outreach proposal for the 1950's postwar neighborhoods. She reported that the Historic Register Committee has not completed their evaluation of the second tier

neighborhoods. Staff is proposing that the Commission does not meet on June 24<sup>th</sup> but rather hold a meeting on July 22<sup>nd</sup> to hear the Committee's recommendations. She further reported they would present the recommendations to the Neighborhood Enhancement Commission on September 1, 2004. They are tentatively scheduling two neighborhood meetings on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 18th for a presentation on the survey process and the findings to residents.

Commissioner Dallett inquired when the Commission would discuss the recommendations of the committee. Ms. Abele replied at the July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. She reported that there will be a preliminary report and powerpoint presentation. The report will explain all of the different stages that have occurred and all of the background information and the scoring sheets will be included that were done by all of the groups of two. It will all be well defined. She further reported that, based on Commission input, the schedule may need to be adjusted. She added that it is always the purview of the Commission to make suggestions after the committee has done the groundwork.

Commissioner Dallett stated there should be some lead time in the schedule for neighborhoods before they talk to the City Council or the neighbors because everyone is very close to it so it might be best to test it out on smaller groups. She commented on the importance of public input. She suggested they open up the discussion to a wider group of people. Ms. Abele reviewed how the information would be presented to the neighborhood groups. She reported that there would be two open houses and a public hearing. Mr. Meserve noted that the two meetings in September would also be to promote the idea that the City is considering designating postwar neighborhoods. Commissioner Dallett remarked that people will want to know what is in it for them.

Ms. Abele reported that the city budget was approved last week and additional money will be going to south Scottsdale and various neighborhood revitalization projects. Preservation staff prepared a proposal for funds to be used for historic preservation.

Commissioner Howard stated the Historic Register Committee met last night and they talked extensively about the short list of neighborhoods. There was some discussion regarding looking at additional subdivisions. They discussed the quality of the top five. They also talked about Scottsdale school buildings as a future possibility. They would tour any additional subdivisions on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Education Outreach Committee**

Mr. Meserve reported the committee is working on a series of brochures focusing on the properties that have been designated and neighborhood handouts. They are redoing the flier on Early Town Buildings.

#### **HPO/STAFF REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Meserve passed out an article, by Debbie Abele and Grady Gammage, that summarizes Historic Preservation efforts in America and talks about postwar neighborhoods and ranch houses.

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

Ms. Abele stated the next Commission meeting would be held on July 22, 2004. No meeting July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Submitted by: